

REMARKS

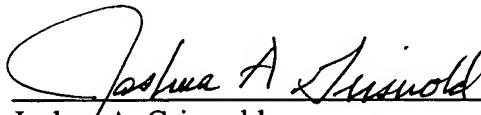
After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-11 and 37-71 are pending in the Application. In the original Application, claim 12 was erroneously omitted. A prior Preliminary Amendment filed February 5, 2004, attempted to renumber the claims consecutively by amending the claim numbers of claims 13-36. Applicant's present Attorney is unsure whether such amendment to the claim numbers is proper in light of 37 C.F.R. § 1.126. However, to avoid any confusion, Applicant's Attorney has canceled claims 12-36, and resubmitted the original claims 13-36 as claims 37-65. Claims 66-71 are new. The specification has been amended to correct a clerical error.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover excess claim fees (\$400 for independent claims and \$550 for excess claims). Please apply any deficiencies or any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

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